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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Pomarede et al.
Application Number: 10/074,722
Filing Date: February 11, 2002
Title: INTEGRATION OF HIGH K GATE
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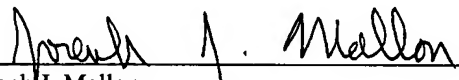
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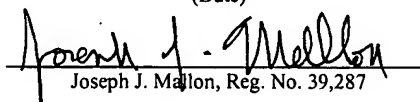
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Dear Sir:

Applicants have received the Office Action mailed 4 December 2003 ("Office Action") in the above-captioned patent application. Since that Office Action stated a Final Rejection, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is provided herewith to continue prosecution of this application on the merits. The Remarks below contain new arguments and thus constitute a Submission accompanying this RCE.

REMARKS**Information Disclosure Statements (IDS's)**

Applicants acknowledge receipt of copies of the initialed PTO-1449 forms listing references provided to the Office with the IDS's submitted on October 16, 2003 (7 references), May 6, 2003 (1 reference), and August 27, 2002 (3 references). However, the Examiner's initials next to reference 10163485 (Japan, abstract) on the PTO-1449 form provided with the IDS submitted on August 27, 2002 were not legible on Applicant's copy. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request a legible copy of that PTO form.